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PAGE 1FIRST AIRCRAFT AT BAI THUONG AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
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X1 [REDACTED]1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE FIRST AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AT BAI THUONG AIRFIELD SINCE ITS CONSTRUCTION.

2. LOCATION:

THE AIRFIELD IS LOCATED 4.9 NM EAST OF BAI THUONG AND 1.5 NM SOUTH OF HAI TRACH.

3. COLLATERAL:

IF COMBAT AIRCRAFT WERE DEPLOYED TO BAI THUONG, IT WOULD BECOME THE SOUTHERNMOST BASE IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. THE BASE IS ASTRIDE THE FLIGHT CORRIDORS OF U.S. AIRCRAFT COMING FROM THAILAND. THE LOCATION ALSO WOULD ENABLE AIRCRAFT BASED THERE TO INTERDICT AIR ATTACKS LAUNCHED AT SEA AGAINST THE THANH HOA-VINH COMPLEX. AT LEAST 58 AIRCRAFT¹ CAN BE ACCOMMODATED AT BAI THUONG.

X1 4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS A HEAVILY DAMAGED AND CAMOUFLAGED IL-14 (CRATE) TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AT THE NORTH END OF THE LANDING STRIP. IT APPEARS THE AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTED A LANDING ON THE NATURAL SURFACE STRIP (APPROXIMATELY 6600 FT X 140 FT, SERVICEABLE) PARALLELING THE RUNWAY AND WAS UNABLE TO STOP BEFORE REACHING THE END OF THE STRIP. GROUND SCARS INDICATE THAT THE AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY SKIDDED OFF THE NORTH END OF

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THE LANDING STRIP AND CAME TO REST PERPENDICULAR TO IT. THE AIRCRAFT FUSELAGE IS ON THE GROUND WHICH INDICATES THE LANDING GEAR IS UP OR WAS DAMAGED DURING THE LANDING. THE TAIL SECTION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED DURING THE LANDING OR IT HAS BEEN REMOVED FOR REPAIRS. THE LEFT ENGINE ALSO APPEARS DAMAGED.

THE ILS COMPONENT (APPROXIMATELY 1500 YARDS FROM THE NORTH END OF THE RUNWAY) REPORTED OCCUPIED ON [REDACTED] IS UNOC-
CUPIED AND THE HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED VEHICLE IN THE AIRCRAFT REVETMENT AT UTM WG502995 IS NO LONGER THERE. (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC)

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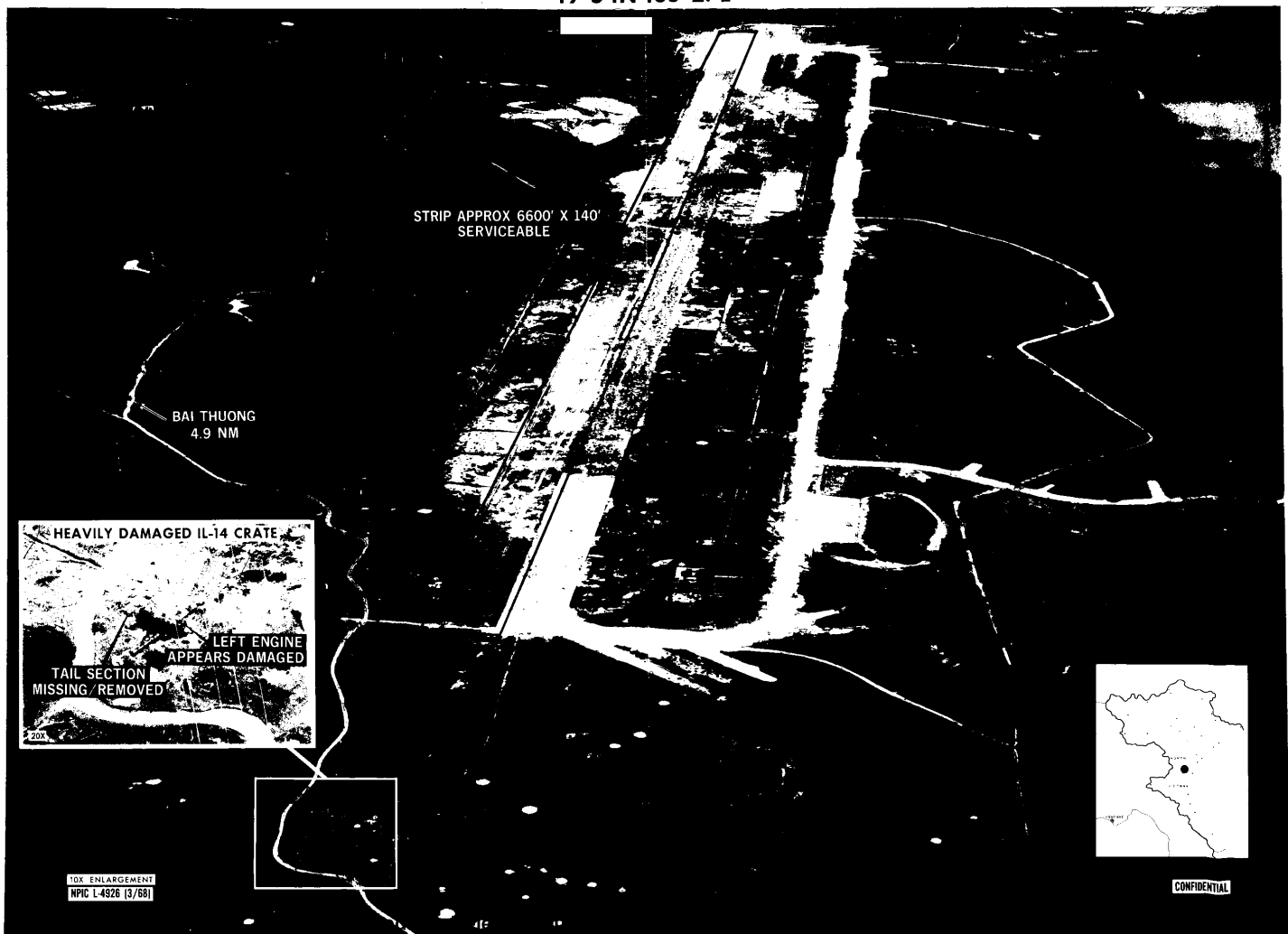
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